

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual that uses a network system in which a plurality of hospital terminals, a plurality of user terminals, and a database terminal for managing a database of information concerning medical treatment of an ~~individual~~ patient user are mutually connected via a communication network, ~~wherein~~ the method comprising:

providing a hospital acquires with a hospital ID and a hospital password via at least one of the plurality of hospital terminals[.];

providing the patient [[a]] user via at least one of the plurality of user terminals who is a patient acquires with a user ID, a user password, a second password, and space for storing information concerning the patient user's medical treatment of an individual in [[a]] the database[.];

notifying at least one of the plurality of [[the]] hospital terminals receives a notification of the user ID and the second password [[from]] of the patient user[.]; and

providing at least one of the plurality of [[the]] hospital terminals acquires with the patient user's individual medical treatment information from the database using the user ID, the second password, the hospital ID, and the hospital password as keys, and store updated individual patient user medical treatment information in the database using the user ID, the second password, the hospital ID, and the hospital password as keys.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising receiving the user ID and the user password and displaying the patient user's user views individual medical treatment information to the patient user on the database using the user ID and the user password as keys.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising levying a charge is

~~levied~~ on ~~[[the]]~~ a hospital when the hospital acquires the patient user's individual medical treatment information from the database.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising levying a charge is ~~levied~~ on ~~[[the]]~~ a hospital when the hospital saves updated patient user ~~individual~~ medical treatment information in the database.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising levying a charge is ~~levied~~ on the patient user when the patient user views the patient user's individual medical treatment information.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, further comprising altering ~~wherein~~ the user password ~~is altered~~ using the user ID and the user password ~~as keys~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, further comprising altering ~~wherein~~ the second password ~~is altered~~ using the user ID and the user password ~~as keys~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, further comprising ~~wherein~~ notifying a hospital requesting updated patient user medical treatment information if updated ~~individual~~ patient user medical treatment information is not saved in the database within a predetermined time after the hospital has acquired the patient user individual medical treatment information from the database, ~~notification is sent to the hospital requesting updated individual medical treatment information.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, further comprising ~~wherein~~ sending a

notification of the updating of the patient user's individual medical treatment information ~~is sent~~ to the patient user when updated patient user individual medical treatment information is saved in the database.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, further comprising wherein restricting access by a hospital to the space where the patient user's medical treatment information is stored when the patient user specifies [[a]] the hospital using the user ID and the user password and restricts access by the specified hospital to the space where the individual medical treatment information of the user is stored using the user ID and the user password as keys.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, further comprising:

incorporating wherein, a cooperating company terminal that is used by a cooperating company that is in cooperation with whoever is managing the database is incorporated into the network system and, using this network system[[,]];

providing the cooperating company acquires with a cooperating company ID and cooperating company password; [[and,]]

allowing the [[after]] patient user to give ~~has given~~ permission for the individual medical treatment information to be made available to the cooperating company using the user ID and user password as keys[[,]]; and

providing the cooperating company with acquires the individual patient user's medical treatment information ~~of the user~~ from the database using the cooperating company ID and cooperating company password as keys.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 12, ~~wherein~~ further comprising levying a charge is levied on the cooperating company when the cooperating company acquires the patient user's individual medical treatment information from the database.

14. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising including treatment costs ~~are include~~ in the ~~individual~~ patient user's medical treatment information.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 14, ~~wherein~~ further comprising issuing the patient user ~~is issued with~~ a treatment cost report calculated from the treatment costs on the database using the user ID and user password ~~as keys~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for sharing information concerning medical treatment of an individual according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

sending the database terminal ~~receives~~ a request ~~[[sent]]~~ from the hospital terminal or from the cooperating company terminal for the patient user's individual medical treatment information of the user to be made available and transfers the request to the user terminal of the patient user~~[[,]]~~; and

~~also receives~~ receiving an approval from the user terminal regarding the request for the patient user's individual medical treatment information to be made available.

17. (Currently Amended) A system ~~computer readable medium encoded with~~ comprising:

a database containing information concerning medical treatment of ~~an individual~~ a user wherein the user is a patient;

a first computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor ~~program for sending~~ sends a user password and a second password to a user terminal;

a second computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor ~~program that~~ requests the second password when a person other than the user accesses the database containing space where the individual medical treatment the information is ~~stored~~; and

a third computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor ~~program for providing~~ provides information about the second password from the user to the person[[],].

~~wherein the user is a patient.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The computer system ~~computer readable medium~~ according to claim 17, further ~~encoded with~~ comprising a fourth computer readable medium containing a program that when executed by a processor ~~program for requesting requests~~ the user password when the second password is altered.

19.-21. (Canceled)